

H.E. McCracken Middle School

250 H.E. McCracken Circle
Bluffton, SC 29910



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	8-9 Middle	Principal:	J. Todd Bornscheuer
Enrollment:	1,119 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Jeffrey Moss
School Phone:	843-706-8700	Board Chair:	Bill Evans
School Website:	http://hem.beaufort.k12.sc.us/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

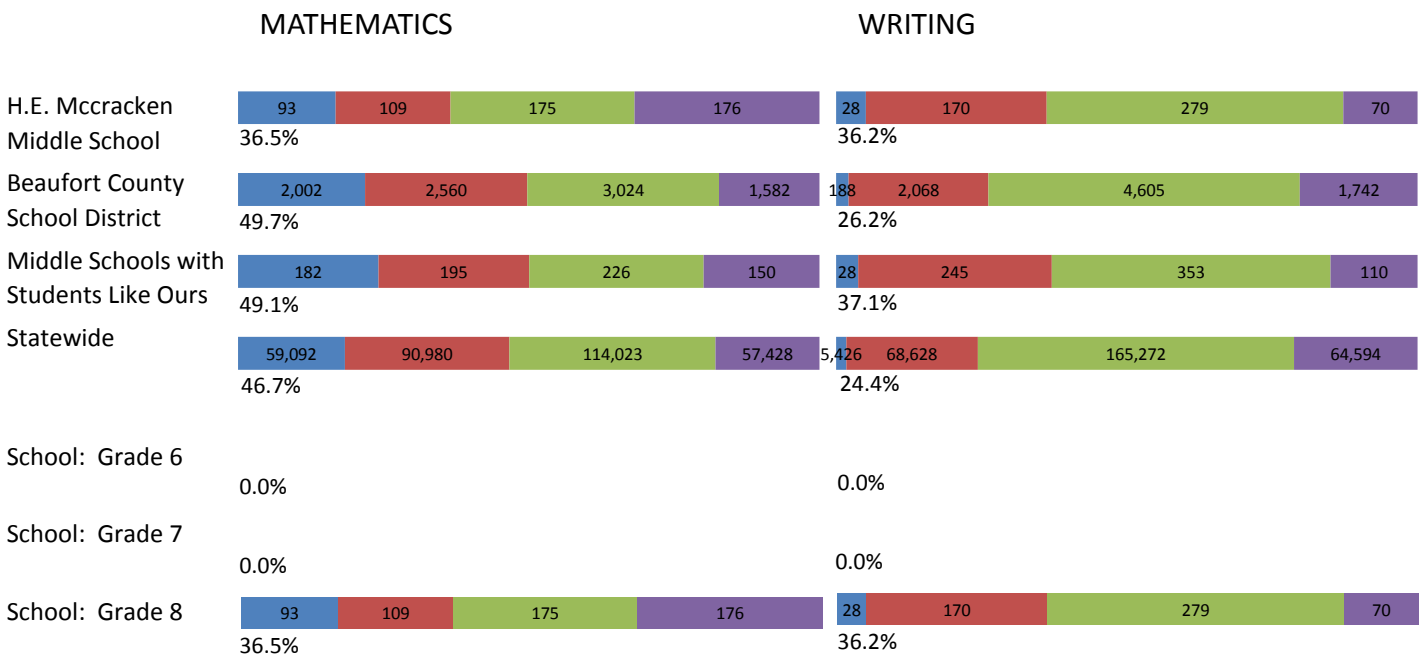
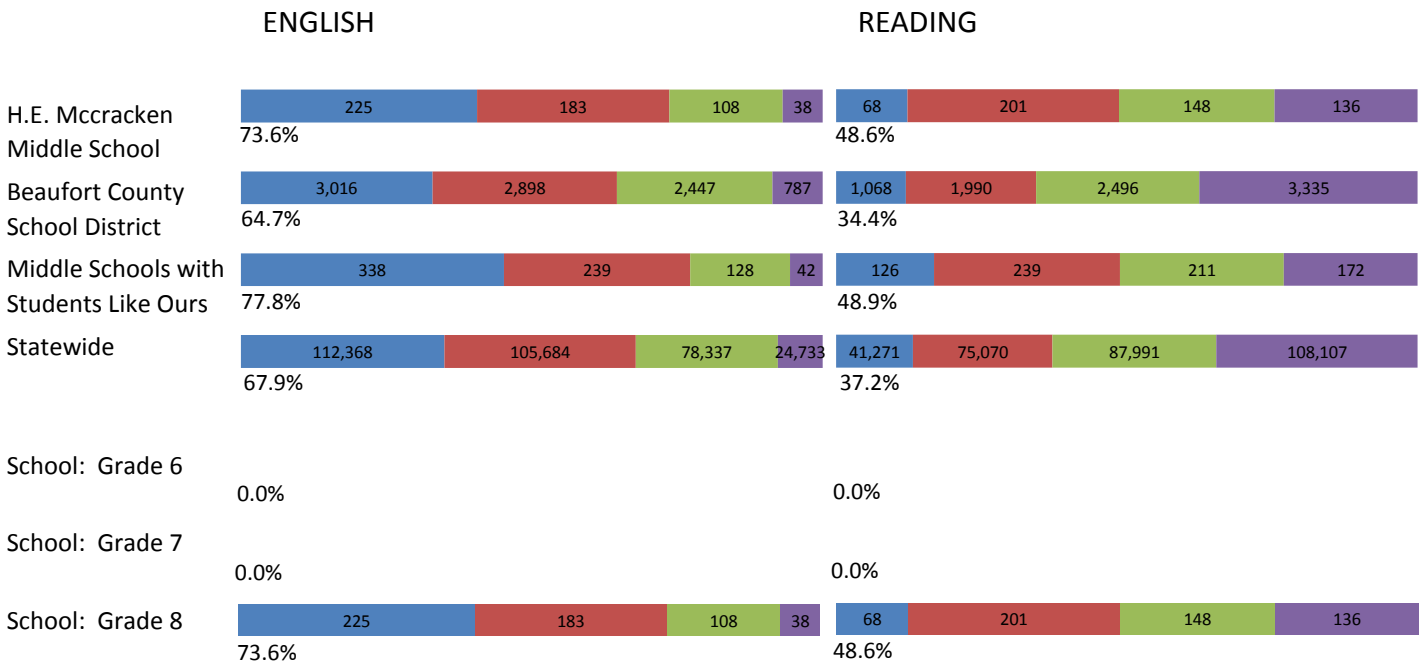
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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H.E. McCracken Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate through a variety of curriculum and activities that develop critical thinking skills through hands-on project-based learning in our STEM and Arts-Infused programs. Our motto, Together We Will, epitomizes the school's learning environment through the support of qualified engaging teachers, strong administrative leadership, and the involvement of parents and community to ensure student success. This year our school added several academic programs. Our students studied Early Childhood Education, where our students taught elementary school children. We added Current Events electives and Carnegie Units in school technology for eighth-graders. Our Service Learning class allowed student leaders to guide our anti-bullying campaign and community service projects. Student academic achievements surpassed those of last year. Forty-five students were designated Junior Scholars in the PSAT. Fourteen students "tested out" of ESOL. Two students earned Best in Show at the Sea Island Regional Science Fair; another took third place. Ninety-three percent of students scored proficient or advanced in Intro to Engineering Design EOC. On End of Course Tests, forty-six McCracken students obtained perfect scores in the Algebra I, sixty-two in Biology and forty-six in English I. Forty-six students passed the A.P. Human Geography Exam, a fifty-four percent increase since 2013. On the 2015 8th grade ACT Aspire ELA exam, we led the district in the percent of students meeting or exceeding the college ready benchmark. In Reading, we were second. In Writing, we led the district. In Mathematics, we were third. In 2015 PASS testing, we were second in the district in both Science and Social Studies, with Social Studies making a ten point gain. We excelled in co-curricular areas. Our Science Olympiad Club earned 2nd Place in the State and won the Sportsmanship Award. Four 8th graders made the All-County Band. The Symphonic Band earned the highest rating of "Straight Superior" in the Beaufort County Festival and a Superior rating in the SC State Concert Performance Assessment. Wrestling set a record with nine students scoring in the District's Top Three, with three competing at State. Both Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams were undefeated and District Champions. Both Girl's and Boy's Track Teams won the District Championship. In 2015-2016, we will implement our School Choice areas of Project Lead the Way and Arts-Infused. New curriculum in Project Lead the Way includes the study of Space and Flight. Our arts program expands to include Animation. We have hired a full-time band director. We are looking forward to another great year at H.E. McCracken, where "Together We Will." Emily Bierman, Co-Chair, HEMMS School Improvement Council Douglas Bush, Co-Chair, HEMMS School Improvement Council J. Todd Bornscheuer, HEMMS Principal

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



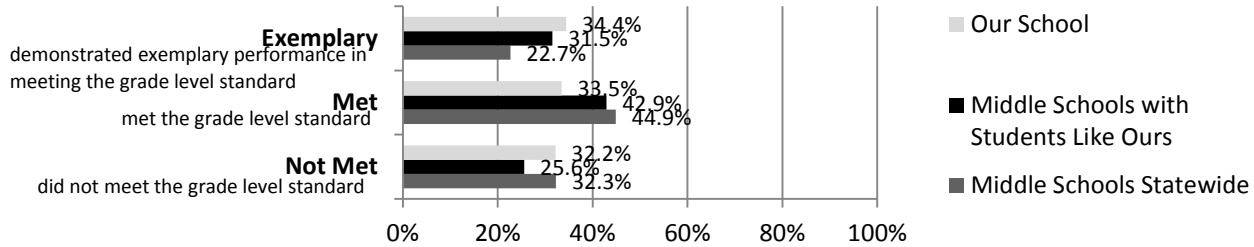
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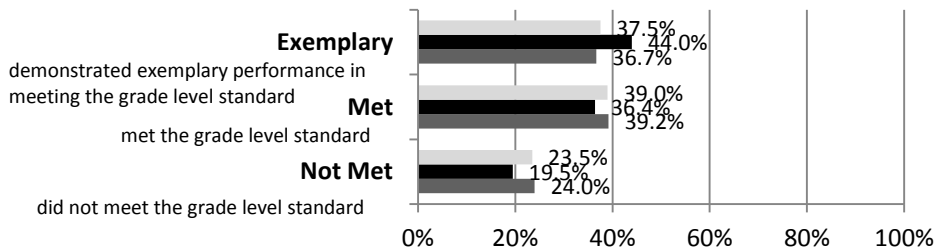
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
N/A	N/A	67.8
Social Studies SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
N/A	N/A	76.5

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary" : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" : student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests		
Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	81.7	97.8
English 1	74.8	88.7
Biology 1	94.7	77.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	79.6	97.3

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,119)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	50.8	Down from 60.6%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	N/A	N/A	35.7
Attendance Rate	94.5	Down from 96.9%	96.0
With disabilities	6.7	Up from 6.4%	10.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.1	Up from 2.9%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	25.5	Down from 26.4%	29.8
Percentage of students retained	3.6	Down from 4.2%	0.2
Annual dropout rate	0.3	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 65)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	66.2	Up from 66.1%	66.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	64.6	Up from 64.5%	81.3
Teachers returning from previous year	82.3	Down from 84.5%	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	91.1	Down from 93.3%	94.3
Average teacher salary*	\$48,981	Up 0.3%	\$49,593
Professional development days / teacher	18.0 days	Down from 18.5 days	10.8 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	1.5	N/A	0.3
School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	9.0 to 1	Down from 28.4 to 1	23.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	83.9	Down from 87.6%	89.4
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Good	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.6	Down from 100.0%	99.0
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	14.0	N/A	13.2
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	9.6	N/A	17.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.4	N/C	1.3
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.4	N/C	1.7
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.5	Down from 24.6%	1.8
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,120	Up 6.9%	\$7,145
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.5	Up from 57.1%	63.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.9	Up from 57.7%	64.3

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	62	337	167
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.0	63.5	76.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	73.8	59.0	73.4
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	66.6	80.7	64.2

* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Good	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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